

The Cheshire Area of NAFAS
Minutes of the CAN Reps Forum - Special Meeting (Virtual).
Thursday 7 April 2022 at 7pm

Leadership Team present: Chairman – Louise Jones, Treasurer – Tracy-Anne Clancy, Secretary – Morag McCord, Area Support Officer – Janet Schofield

1. Apologies for absence

Gill Davies, Area Support Officer, Sue Clissold, Area Judges Rep., Kathleen Williams, Area Speakers Rep., Shiona Fosh, Area Minute Secretary, Diane Fair, Area AOH, Nicky Wylie, Area AOH, Upton-by-Chester, Heswall, Tunstall & District, Elworth, Stockport Afternoon and The Bramall Hall Flower Clubs.

2. Chairman's remarks – Louise Jones

Louise welcomed everyone and checked that everyone had received the new constitution and its appendices, the old constitution and the constitution foreword.

Clubs had been asked to submit any questions they had re the new constitution before the meeting so they could be answered fully before ratification of the new constitution.

Q Wendy Mckeown, Hoylake FC – item 2. Would like to request item 2 should read Cheshire, Wirral and surrounding areas.

A Janet, - The Wirral is covered by the phrase “and surrounding areas” as are parts of Merseyside, Manchester and Staffordshire where we also have clubs. This is the wording used in the current constitution.

Q Also from Wendy Mckeown – Request meetings held in rotation at areas that would be convenient to all clubs.

A This will be discussed in AOB of CAN Club Reps Forum after this meeting.

Q Kathleen Williams, Group 2000 – “under the current constitution, changes can only be made at a General meeting to give all members a chance to be consulted and then voted on by all members not just delegates” – if this is correct a vote cannot be taken at a meeting when only delegates can vote.

A Morag – Delegates are appointed by the clubs to represent them at the meetings. The reports and constitutions had been sent out to the clubs in advance and should have been discussed with the members where possible and the result taken back to the meeting for voting on. It has always been the case that each club only had 1 vote. The Special meeting had been called to only deal with the constitution and once the questions had been answered, a vote will be taken to ratify the new constitution.

Q Kate Hughes, Hale Barns FC –New Constitution difficult to read, doesn't flow easily and is ambiguous in some areas. Did not understand why Clusters had not been embedded in the Constitution but Cluster Leads role is referred to in Roles & Responsibilities Appendix.

A Janet – Clusters are embedded in constitution via Team roles, purposes & duties document, As are other roles not explicitly defined in the constitution – this follows current constitution.

Q Kate Hughes - Noted a Special meeting had been called (as in present constitution) for purpose of ratifying and agreeing the new constitution but no mention in new constitution of an Extra-ordinary/ Special meeting which members should be able to call if necessary.

A Janet – Additional meetings can be called under 7c of the new constitution- this is wider reaching than the current constitution as we felt it important that all meeting types should be included.

With no more questions, Louise asked the delegates to vote on the adoption of the new Cheshire Area of NAFAS Constitution.

22 clubs voted for the adoption of the new constitution, none against,6 abstained,10 absent.

Louise thanked everyone for attending, especially Janet for her input and the meeting closed at 19.24pm

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